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INTERCLASS MEET TOMORROW EVENING

Unique Features Offered by Manager Keats Make Event Attractive to Student Body.

NOVEL HOBBLE-SKIRT RACE

TOMORROW will witness the biggest athletic event of the season for the students of the George Washington University. All plans have been completed for the interdepartmental meet, and it is certain that sufficient entries have been obtained to guarantee to those who desire to attend the most delightful evening of its kind at the lowest possible cost of admission. The hopes of the management have been more than realized, and it is with pleasure that Mr. Keats and his assistants are able to announce that already the advance sale of tickets is almost sufficient to pay for all expenses.

UNIQUE FEATURES ARRANGED.

Every department of the University is to be represented on the floor by several contestants. The Department of Arts and Sciences will send perhaps the largest delegation. Aside from the usual events, there are several special features on the program which will not fail to amuse. For instance, the hobble-skirt race is expected to throw great light upon the prevailing fashions, while the penny roll will afford as much excitement and fun as the three-legged or potato races. Also the interfraternity match will be of universal interest. In addition, a race has been arranged especially for the athletic managers of the various teams of the present year. Mr. Haller, manager of the football team; Mr. Cash, of the rifle team; and Mr. Keats, of the track team, will be the competitors in this event. As none of these gentlemen have been doing any training, the race will probably be amusing in the extreme, although they have all had several years experience on the track squad.

STUDENT SUPPORT SOLICITED.

The management has done all it can to insure a good time and a meet worthy of the institution. It remains for the students to do their share. This will really be a test of the school spirit of the men of George Washington. Football has failed because of lack of support. Will track go likewise? Without the co-operation of the student body no form of athletic activity at all is possible. No matter how good a

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G. W. U. LOSES TO V. P. I.

Game Hard Fought in First Half But Strength and Endurance Give Victory to Virginia.

THE first half of the game with Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Va., November 13, was as fine an exhibition of football playing as one would care to see. Both teams fought hard, and when the whistle blew after thirty minutes of play, each had shared in the glory of a touchdown. V. P. I., however, gained one point over George Washington, Legge having kicked a difficult goal.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WEAKENS.

The second half was not so interesting from a G. W. U. standpoint. By means of line plunging, forward passes, and fake plays, aided by a weakened resistance on the part of George Washington, V. P. I. made steady gains, and finished the game by defeating their opponents by a score of 21 to 5.

The Blacksburg team has maintained an excellent record this season, and they believed they would have an easy time defeating George Washington. But before the game had progressed very far they began to doubt whether they would even be so fortunate as to get the big end of the score. It was not until the last quarter, after a severe talk from Coach Branch Bocock and a noticeable weakening of the G. W. U. team, that they began to pile up the points and feel that the game was theirs.

V. P. I. EASILY SUPERIOR.

Our team put up a game fight, but the strength and endurance of their opponents was superior. The team showed lack of training and practice, both in offensive and defensive play. Football, just like any other game, takes study and practice, and when a team goes on a field without that confidence, which is a result of a thorough drill in signals and mass plays, it might just as well give up from the start. George Washington showed a need of more drill in signals, interference, and collective playing than anything else.

Owing to the recent decision of the Athletic Council, the game with V. P. I. closes this year's season. On the whole, the record of the team has been a creditable one.

THE 1911 "CHERRY TREE"

Foreword From Managers Setting Forth General Plans for the Publication of the Annual.

THE 1911 University *Cherry Tree* is now getting under way, and will be issued on or about the first of April, as heretofore. Although the present Editor and Business Manager were appointed later than usual, this should not delay the publication of the book in any way, provided every student will determine to give the book his help and support. If you have not as yet held your class elections, be sure and elect a capable and interested person to the position of class editor; for you must remember that not only will that person be partly responsible for the book as a whole, but on him will rest the entire responsibility for the manner in which your particular class is represented. If you have already elected a representative, see to it that he secures the best possible representation in the book for your class. Do your share towards making it a book truly representative of the whole University.

SUBSCRIPTION SLIPS TO BE ISSUED.

So much for the editorial side. Perhaps even more important just now is the business and financial end of the annual. In the near future subscription slips will be placed in the different buildings and in the hands of the various class editors. These will be somewhat similar to those of last year, and will be arranged so that the book may be paid for now at a less cost than later in the year. You will not only aid your own pocketbook by subscribing now, but will aid the management, since the more money they are certain of the more they can put into the book; and, coming back to you again, the better book you will get. Again, if there is anyone who has any particular ability in or aptitude at advertisement soliciting, he can, by getting in touch with the Business Manager, make an arrangement satisfactory to himself, and materially beneficial to the book.

HELP OF STUDENT BODY NEEDED.

There are still a number of positions on the editorial and business

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FOOTBALL SQUAD ORDERED TO DISBAND

Disqualification of Men on the Team and Lack of Funds Make Action Necessary.

ATHLETIC CRISIS REACHED

ATHLETICS received a decided blow when the Athletic Council, at its meeting on Monday, the 14th, refused to take any further responsibility for the financing of the football team. For some time the Council has been considering the question of how to solve the football problem, but it was not until the meeting of Monday night that a decision was finally made. After considering every possible alternative, it was concluded that it would be necessary to cancel the remaining games on the schedule and to disband the team. The reasons for this action are, first, the lack of funds with which to finance the team, and, secondly, the disqualification of a majority of the men on the team, who, in spite of repeated warnings, have failed to live up to the scholastic requirements of the University. The decision of the Council, together with its statement of the reasons for that decision, is embodied in the following resolution which the Council passed at its Monday meeting and submitted to the University authorities:

RESOLUTION OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

"WHEREAS, The Athletic Council has entered upon the present athletic season after consultation with the President and the University authorities and at their request; and

"WHEREAS, The University ruling suspending men for non-payment of tuition fees, renders intelligible a working majority of the football team; and

"WHEREAS, The present critical financial situation caused by the deficit of previous years, and the unfavorable results of this year's schedule will probably be enhanced by completing that schedule; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the remaining games be cancelled at once, with the approval of the University authorities, and that the Council be directed in regard to measures necessary to relieve the present financial situation."

This resolution is self-explanatory. Suffice it to say that the University authorities approved the action of the Council. The remaining games on the schedule have accordingly been cancelled and training has ceased.

FINANCIAL SITUATION CRITICAL.

The financial situation of the Council is, to say the least, extremely critical. The outstanding liabilities are approximately \$1,200 in excess of the assets. Part of this deficit is the accumulation of for-

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mer years, and has been carried over from year to year in the hope of a successful season.

Just what measures will be taken to meet this deficit is not as yet known. It is the intention of the University authorities to hold a conference in the near future to discuss methods by which the liabilities of the Athletic Association may be liquidated. The authorities are willing to do everything in their power to settle the financial question, but at the same time they desire that it should be understood by the student body and the outside business world that the University is not responsible for the debts of student associations.

DECISION MAY AFFECT ATHLETICS GENERALLY.

It is impossible just now to predict in what manner or to what extent the decision of the Council will affect the other athletic interests of the University in general, and the continuance of football in particular. It seems likely, however, that, unless a radical change for the better takes place in the amount of financial support given to athletics by the student body, it will be necessary to discontinue football permanently and perhaps also all other athletic enterprises as well.

PRESIDENT STOCKTON'S STATEMENT.

President Stockton gave out the following statement:

"It is a matter of regret that there is not sufficient spirit and leisure among the students to make up the number necessary to constitute a football team and to contribute the necessary amount of money. But no blame is attached to anyone, since circumstances existed within and outside of the team rendering it impossible to go on. I hope, however, that the proposed track meet will be fully carried out, as now seems likely.

"Of course, the University is handicapped in various ways. It has no athletic fields, nor any of the conveniences by which training tables can be carried on at a minimum cost. This year the University has contributed \$500 for athletics, which is the utmost it can do financially, as, naturally, its first duties are academic and educational. The academic and educational needs of the University are still beyond its finances, and consequently it rests with the students, and their friends, and the Alumni to assume in the main the expenses of athletics and of the various student enterprises."

MR. CURL'S ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION.

"In my opinion, three causes are responsible for the present football situation. First, the schedule; secondly, Saturday afternoon classes, especially in the Law School; thirdly, the impossibility of getting afternoon men to play football and the small number of day students from whom to draw. Circumstances, or what is popularly called 'hard luck,' forced us into a weak schedule. When the season was being planned games with Carlisle and Georgetown were counted upon, which two games would undoubtedly have enabled us to meet the financial obligations of the season. In addition, one or two minor games were cancelled by the other teams, and two out-of-town games, upon which we had counted to make money, resulted in losses.

"Saturday afternoon classes deprived us of the income from a large number of Athletic Association tickets. Students will not buy tickets if they cannot use them without cutting classes. We are now forced to admit that afternoon students will not cut class in order to play football. Although special lectures are given by the Faculty for football players, the men feel that they do not get the same benefit from these lectures that they obtain from the regular ones. The day classes at present are so small that a team cannot be drawn from them.

"I believe, however, that this should not be our final effort in behalf of foot-

ball, as I confidently expect our day classes to increase, in which event we certainly should be able to put a strong team upon the field. I am, therefore, decidedly in favor of giving football another trial."

ENGINEERING SCHOOL NOTES.

THE Engineering Society met on Saturday evening, November 12, at the Bureau of Standards. About thirty-four men were present, and spent an entertaining and profitable evening. Probably no other institution in this country contains as much under one roof of interest to engineers as does the Bureau of Standards. The only regret of President Carty was that more of our engineers did not come out. The main difficulty seems to be that 6.30 on Saturday evening is a rather inconvenient time, as many men reserve that evening for social duties unconnected with their engineering course. Perhaps a larger crowd would attend if the meetings could be arranged for an evening in the middle of the week.

On Thursday, the 17th, the Junior Class met and organized for the year. The meeting was short and was carried through in a business-like fashion. Only two officers were chosen: Mr. R. H. Harrison, president, and Mr. H. P. Bayley, treasurer. Both men are well known and admirably fitted for the offices.

The Senior Class held a meeting recently and elected officers as follows: Mr. H. K. Craig, president; Mr. F. A. Howard, vice president; Mr. A. M. Prentiss, secretary; Mr. R. F. Carty, treasurer, and Mr. T. L. Moody, editor.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

BEGINNING with December 1, the following magazines will be on file in the Y. M. C. A. Room for the use of members: *Adventure*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Everybody's*, *Outing*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Success*.

The day for the Y. M. C. A. Chapel has been changed to Wednesday at 12 o'clock. All students are urged to attend these meetings. It means the sacrifice of only some fifteen minutes of time.

ENGINEERING DANCE.

THE students of the College of Engineering will give a dance at Mrs. Dyers, 1517 R street, on Friday, December 9, at 8.30 p. m. The proceeds of the affair will be used to pay up the deficit of last year's Freshman dance. If the proceeds exceed the debt, the remainder will be turned over to the Engineering Society. It is up to the members of the Engineering Society to come out and make the affair a success. The support of every other student, also, should be given. Everyone who attends will not only help a good cause, but will be guaranteed a most enjoyable evening. Tickets are \$1.50, and may be obtained from Parker, Swartzell, Slarrow, Dutton, Stockton, or Hodgkins. Refreshments will be served.

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staffs of the *Cherry Tree* which have not been filled. Anyone interested in this kind of work will do well to get in touch with the Editor or Business Manager at once. Any matter dropped in the various News boxes will reach them if properly directed.

It is purposed to get out a book substantially the same in size and number of pages as last year and somewhat similarly bound. It is particularly desired to make the book more than ever a true reflection of college life here at George Washington. To this end all quips, jokes, and sidelights will be especially appreciated. On things like this, as much as on larger ones, depends the difference between a dry compendium of names and photographs and a real, live, truly interesting and representative book. Help us all you can.

H. W. HODGKINS AND D. L. DUTTON
IN CHARGE.

President Stockton recently appointed Howard W. Hodgkins, Editor-in-Chief, and Donald L. Dutton, Business Manager, and these two men are the ones who will be finally responsible for the annual this year. They are both full day men in the Engineering College. The publication of the annual will be under the Faculty control of a committee composed of Professor Reudiger, chairman, and Deans Hodgkins and Wilbur.

ENGINEERS PLAN BANQUET.

A BANQUET for the engineering students, to be given by the Engineering Society, has been a fond hope of that organization for some years, but not until this year has anything definite come of the idea. At the last meeting, held on Saturday, November 19, a preliminary report was presented by the committee on investigation, showing that if such a banquet were given nearly all of the Junior and Senior classes in engineering and many Freshmen and Sophomores would attend. After considering the report, which seemed decidedly favorable, the date for the banquet was set for December 17th, and a committee appointed to arrange all details. The affair will probably take place in one of the Washington hotels. It is hoped that several prominent men in the engineering world will be secured as speakers.

DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES.

RICHARD ARONSON is spending his Thanksgiving vacation with his family in New York.

Stewart S. Angelo has just returned from a vacation trip to Virginia, and reports that he had a pleasant time.

The Senior Class selected and ordered its class pins last Friday. They consist of a triangle, the apex upwards, placed in a circular background, with the letters G. W. U. around the outside, and '11 in the center.

POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES.

PROFESSOR OSBORNE is planning to take his class in International Trade to Philadelphia to inspect the Commercial Museum at that place. The museum is one of the most important unofficial trade-promoting agencies in the United States, and is sustained almost wholly by the municipality of Philadelphia. Features of the museum are: The Scientific Department, which has charge of installing and maintaining the exhibits of the institution and conducting educational work, and the Foreign Trade Bureau, which makes the museum's facilities available to manufacturers throughout the country in the extension of export trade.

James O. Laing, ex. 1909, has been accredited to the British Government as consul at Malta. This is an especially desirable post, and Mr. Laing feels himself fortunate in having procured it.

S. E. Barrett, of Seattle, Wash., A. B., University of Rochester, is pursuing work for the Master of Diplomacy degree.

Professor Scott has a marked aversion to any of his students coming late. Recently, one of the boys, finding himself delayed, sidled quietly into an inconspicuous part of the room, and was in the act of ensconcing himself comfortably, when the eagle eyes of the professor spied him. Fixing the tardy one with a most benignant smile, the professor said, coaxingly: "Aw, now, come on in. Nobody's going to hurt you." Of course, the tardy one yielded.

"Synonym for charge d'affaires—any aspiration."—Scott.

L. Roy Zapf, ex. 1909, was recently married to Miss Mabel Rose, of Litchfield, Ill. It is understood that this is the culmination of a real college romance which had its inception at DePauw University, where bride and groom were students.

Since elections are now over, Tracy Lay has found time to register for this year. He has just returned from a hot campaign in Alabama, where he aided in securing the re-election of Congressman Burnett.

Professors Kern, Moore and McNemar went out together to hear the election returns. It is rumored that several cigars were at stake on the results.

There are a few extremely impatient individuals stalking around these days. The various candidates who took the consular examination last June have as yet not heard regarding ratings made by them. It is understood that the results will not be announced for several weeks to come.

Curious to hear the comments of the various professors when the big steam riveter on the building in process of construction, in our im-

mediate vicinity, gets into operation. Dr. Swisher: "It's fierce." Dr. Scott: "My voice can't compete with that." Professor Osborne: "It's harrowing." Professor Kern: "It's disconcerting." Some of the students have been heard to express themselves more forcibly than the foregoing.

PHARMACY NOTES.

THE last issue of THE NEWS contained the statement that Mr. Hardy had been elected secretary of the Senior Class. This was a mistake. Mr. Hardy was made treasurer.

Mr. Schommer says that listening to lectures on organic chemistry is a good soporific. Moral: Take a glass of coco cola before going to class.

The Freshman Class met and organized on November 14. After a short discussion the following officers were elected: David L. Maxwell, president; F. E. Dudley, Jr., vice president and class editor; Herbert A. Daly, secretary and treasurer. The class has been rather slow in organizing this year, but it intends to do its part from now on, and let the rest of the University know that it is ready to support all student enterprises that may be projected.

Mr. Lear has been using "Rexall Hair Tonic" on his upper lip, which he recommends highly to those wishing a fringed finish to the nasal piece.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

THE first regular meeting of the Chemical Society was held in the Medical Building of the University Friday evening, November 11. Twenty-five members were present.

All persons who sign the Constitution and By-Laws and pay their dues (\$1.00) on or before the next meeting of the Society, on December 9, will be charter members.

The following papers will be read at this meeting: "Petroleum and Its Products," J. N. Taylor; "Determination of Sulphur in Fuel," K. J. Osterhaus; "Distillation of Wood," M. R. Coe.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK PUBLISHED.

THE Baseball Publishing Company, of 2 Park Square, Boston, Mass., has just published "The Fatima Handbook of College Athletics." The preface contains the following statement:

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FRATERNITY NOTES.

THE following have been pledged to Pi Beta Phil: Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, Miss Genevive Frizzell, Miss Esther Galbraith, Miss Edna Hanvey, Miss Lulu McCabe, Miss Ruth Pope, Miss Maxey Robeson.

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity gave a dance at its house on November 4. The house was tastefully decorated. Everyone present voted the affair a huge success.

Theta Delta Chi held its regular fall initiation at the Charge House on Saturday, the 12th. The six initiates were Charles C. McCubbin, College; H. Guy Chase, College; Alvin Brown, College; Rainer W. Argo, Engineering; Hope H. Falconer, Engineering; and Norman Raymond, College. A large number of Alumni and out-of-town Theta Deltas were present. A banquet was served after the initiation. Lieutenant-Commander L. M. Cox, U. S. N., was toastmaster. Among those present were several men from the Nu Charge at the University of Virginia, who had come up for the Virginia-Georgetown game. Among the letters and telegrams from out-of-town Theta Deltas which were read was one from Mr. Cook, the president of the fraternity, and one from Governor-elect Dix of New York.

The Beta Gamma Chapter of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity entertained the Freshmen, Junior, and Senior classes at a smoker given at the fraternity apartments, 1107 G street, last Saturday. The Alumni Chapter was also represented. There were about sixty persons present.

On the evenings of November 18 and 19 the men pledged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon were initiated into the fraternity in the presence of forty-five members. The nine men admitted were: Miles Bingham, College; T. Eustace Bizzell, College; William Maddox, Law; Lanier P. McLaughlin, College; T. Baker Robinson, Law; Vincent Smith, College; Frank W. Thomas, College; George W. Wilson, Law, and Irving T. Young, Law. After the ritual on Saturday evening the new men sat down to their first fraternity banquet. Mr. F. C. More presided as toastmaster. Among those present were all of the active chapter, a number of Alumni, and ten men from the University of Pennsylvania chapter.

District of Columbia Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity held an initiation Saturday evening, November 5. The fraternity announces the following initiates: Edward C. Coumbe, Law, '13, North Yakima, Washington; Henry A. Cox, Law, '12, Sharon, Tennessee; Ross H. Johnson, College, '13, District of Columbia; Edwin A. Schmitt, Engineering, '14, District of Columbia; Carlos C. Houghton, College, '13, District of Columbia; Robson De S. Brown, A. B., '07, District of Columbia. Affiliate, Thomas L. Creekmore, Law, '13, William and Mary College.

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AFTER all, it requires rather a nice sense of discrimination to discover the difference between thinking what you wouldn't say, and saying what you shouldn't think.

THE FOOTBALL SITUATION.

It is, to say the least, unfortunate that the Athletic Council should have been forced to discontinue football when practically only one game remained to be played. The statement that a student body of more than twelve hundred is unable, or unwilling, or both, to support a football team sounds very much like a paradox. And yet that is precisely the situation now. Notwithstanding the repeated and incessant efforts of the Council and the football management to work up a little enthusiasm among the students, such attempts have proved abortive, and, whether we like it or not, we are now forced to admit that, in spite of the glowing prospects at the opening of the season, the student body does not deserve to be represented in football, for the simple reason that it will not support a team.

This is not said in a spirit of fault-finding. It is stated merely as the only possible inference that can be deduced from the history of this year's football season. There are a good many circumstances which make it practically impossible for a majority of the student body to support football. In fact, we believe that Mr. Curl's analysis of the problem is the true one, namely, that the late afternoon classes are at the basis of the difficulty. But even among those students who may be classed as "day students" there has been a woeful lack of spirit.

We are inclined, however, to take issue with Mr. Curl on the statement that "this should not be our final effort in behalf of football." If by this is meant that another attempt should not be made until the

day classes are large enough and the student body generally is willing to support a team, we agree with him exactly. But if he means that an attempt should again be made next year, we dissent from that opinion. In our judgment, the probability that the day classes of next year will be sufficiently large and enthusiastic to support a football team is too remote to justify the making of any definite plans for next year, or even the year after. In other words, while we agree with Mr. Curl precisely as to the principle to be applied, namely, the size of the day classes and support that can be reiled upon from them, we differ from him as to the application of that principle, if this statement is to be interpreted as meaning, that the requisites of that principle will probably be satisfied by conditions of next year.

It is not our purpose to attempt to fathom the causes for the present crisis. We have not sufficient data at hand to make even a shrewd guess in the matter. We do not propose to unearth the musty records of the past in an endeavor to discover to what extent the losses of previous years are responsible for the present deficit. In fact, we surmise that if such a search were made it would be found that the lack of financial support from the student body was the underlying cause. The apathetic indifference of the student body is not something of recent origin; it has its roots far back in the past.

The important question just now is not How has this thing been done? but How is this thing to be undone? How are the liabilities of the Association to be discharged? It would seem that the obligation to pay these debts rests upon the student body and the Alumni.

THE STUDENT BODY.

IN THE general plan of restoring public confidence in the University and of securing for it public support, the student body must play an important part. That the University needs assistance is undoubted. But to get the support of the community there must be not only necessity, but also desert. Of course, as students, we are quite sure the University deserves to be helped. That is a good indication. But it is not enough. We have got to convince the community that, as a student body, we deserve to be helped. This is the problem with the solution of which we are now confronted. It is a problem which concerns not particular sections of the student body, not the upper classmen alone, but the entire student body, without exception. It is a problem which demands for its solution the united co-operation of every one of us.

This, then, is the desideratum which we should set before us for the coming year, and which we should strive to accomplish—to convince the community that we deserve its support. It is not our purpose to sermonize about the means that should be adopted to attain this end, nor to catalogue a list of "do's" and "don'ts" for the guidance of student conduct. The appropriate

means will readily suggest themselves, if only the goal be kept at all times clearly in mind.

It may be well, however, to suggest in a general way what those means should be. Every student should support the student activities. It is not desired, nor would it be advisable, that every student should support every student enterprise. But it is absolutely necessary that every student should support at least one student interest. Without such support the student activities at this University will be a hopeless failure. With such support they will not only be highly successful, but will offer to the community a gauge by which it can estimate whether or not the student body deserves its sympathy and support. It is not enough that the Faculty is a good one, or that the administration is competent, or that the educational equipment is satisfactory. The student body, above all, must be of such a character as to merit assistance.

Moreover, every student should keep a watchful eye over his conduct when he is pursuing other than University interests. Wherever he goes and is known as a student of the University he carries its reputation with him, and his good or bad conduct will help to make or mar its fair fame. Let no one think that what he does will pass unnoticed or have no effect. Every student, without a single exception, has an important part to play in the general scheme for strengthening the reputation of the University. All must co-operate if the desired result is to be attained.

COLUMBIAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

WHEN one can hold the attention of an audience while discussing what we sometimes call a worn-out subject, he is almost to be classed as an orator. Well, such was the situation when Messrs. Richardson, Nicholson, Hilton, and Oberlin debated the old question, "That the United States Should Establish a System of Shipping Subsidies." The affirmative based their argument upon conditions existing in European countries, which, they argued, make it impossible for American shipping companies to compete successfully. The negative contended that no stable industry could be established by making the industry dependent upon a bounty. High tariff was cited as the real cause of our inability to cope with foreign shippers. This, of course, was denied and ably refuted by affirmative speakers. The negative won the decision of the judges, first honors going to Mr. Hilton, and second to Mr. Oberlin, both negative speakers.

The Society meets every Friday night, and is continually adding new men to its ranks. All interested are welcome.

Plans are already being made for the first intersociety debate with the Needham Society. This debate promises to be of unusual interest. You should not miss it. Watch THE NEWS for a more detailed statement of the time, place, subject, and general arrangements.

BOOKS OLD AND NEW

THE FIRST CLASS READER.

LATELY I ran across an old school book with yellow pages and worm-eaten leather binding. Its perusal gives rise to some interesting reflections as to the changes which have taken place during the last three generations in our ideas about mental nourishment for schoolboys and girls. The name of the book is "The First Class Reader: A Selection for Exercises in Reading, From Standard British and American Authors." It was published in Boston in 1833. It was used by the most advanced pupils—the grandparents and great-grandparents of today's high school pupils.

It would puzzle most of these high school pupils, and probably some students of literature here at G. W. U., to identify all of the "standard British and American authors" of 1833 here represented. Alongside such stars of the first magnitude as Byron and Scott and Johnson, and such lesser luminaries as Irving and Bryant, beam the faint lights of Howitt and Chalmers. By a great effort one can descry in the far-off literary firmament of that day the pinhole lustre of Tudor and Ames. But then we come to names that are names only. Who, for example, was "T. Gray, Jun."? Who was "Bird," here represented by an "Ode to the Moon"? Who, in the name of Apollo and the Nine, was Husenbeth, who has a hundred or so lines of blank verse on "The Ruins of Babylon"? Will the "standard British and American authors" of today, now being fed to the high school pupils aforesaid, be as little known eighty years hence as the worthies of the "First Class Reader"?

The compiler of the work lays down in his preface the rules which he believes necessary in making a reading book. He says:

"Purity of sentiment, blended with that which may inform the understanding, while at the same time it interests the heart, is indispensable."

This principle is carried out in the inclusion of such selections as "The Pleasures of Religion," by Smith; "The Emigrant's Abode in Ohio," by Flint; "Contemplation of the Starry Heavens," by Chalmers, and "The Instability of Earthly Things," by Hervey.

The introductory, "Suggestions to Teachers," begins by observing that "the present is an age of experiment as well as improvement in the modes of teaching." That sounds quite modern. But then we find these questions in a specimen examination:

"What is the meaning of the word 'author'? What is the equivalent word applied to a female?"

That makes it seem a long way back to 1833. "Poetesses" and "authoresses" have about gone out, along with "emigration" to Ohio. LUPUS.

ALUMNI NOTES.

DR. J. RAMSAY NEVITT, Class of '89, is Coroner for the District of Columbia.

Walter S. Harshman, M. S., '92; Ph. D., '94, is professor of mathematics in the Navy. He was professor of applied mathematics in the Graduate School of the University from 1900 to 1907. He has contributed extensively to mathematical journals. Address: Annapolis, Md.

Henry H. C. Dunwoody, LL. B., '76, is a brigadier general in the Army. Immediately upon his graduation from the Military Academy in 1866 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the artillery service. In 1890 he was transferred to the Signal Corps, with the rank of major, and since that time he has been engaged in signal work up to the date of his resignation, July 7, 1904. Address: 1522 Thirty-first street, Washington, D. C.

Albert Van der Veer, M. D., '62; LL. D., '04, has been professor of surgery at the Albany Medical College since 1902. Immediately upon graduating from the Medical School, which was then conducted under the name of the National Medical College, he enlisted as a surgeon in the 66th New York Volunteers. He served in that capacity during the entire Civil War. After the war he occupied the position of professor of general and special anatomy at the Albany Medical College, and has since been connected with that institution as professor of several different medical subjects. He is a member of the American Surgical Association, and since 1895 has been a member of the Board of Regents of New York. In addition, Dr. Van der Veer has written extensively on special medical topics. Address: 28 Eagle street, Albany, N. Y.

Benjamin F. Keller, LL. B., '82; LL. D., '03, is judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and began the practice of law in 1891 at Bramwell, W. Va. After ten years of active practice he was appointed to his present position. He is a member of the Republican party. Address: Charleston, W. Va.

George C. Reid, LL. B., '73, is Brigadier-General, United States Marine Corps. He has held several important positions in the marine service. He was appointed adjutant and inspector, with the rank of major, in May, 1894; promoted to colonel in 1899, and retired as brigadier-general December 15, 1904. He served in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and in various departments of sea and barracks duty. Address: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

The general Alumni Association of the University has been in exist-

ence since 1887. There have been nineteen presidents of the Association up to the present time. The following are the first seven:

William F. Mattingly, Ph. B., '57; honorary A. M., '62; LL. D., '01, president 1887-8. Mr. Mattingly is a member of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He was at one time a member of the Board of Governors of the University Hospital, and professor of practical commercial law in the Law School. He was also a trustee of the University for forty-two years, 1868-1910. Address: 435 Seventh street, Washington, D. C.

Otis T. Mason (deceased), A. M., '62; Ph. D., '79; LL. D., '98, president from 1888-9. Mr. Mason was an ethnologist of national reputation. He was the author of many books and bulletins of a scientific nature, and a member of many of the leading scientific societies in this country and Europe.

D. Webster Prentiss (deceased), Ph. B., '61; A. M., '65, president from 1889-1890. Dr. Prentiss received the M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1864. He was professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medical School from 1879 to 1900.

Brainard H. Warner, LL. B., '72, president from 1890-1. Mr. Warner is a prominent local business man. He organized the Washington Loan and Trust Company and the Columbia National Bank, and, in addition, is extensively interested in the real estate business. In 1890 he founded the town of Kensington, Md. Address: 916 F street, Washington, D. C.

Theodore W. Noyes, A. B., '77; A. M., '77; LL. B., '82; LL. M., '83, president, 1891-2. Mr. Noyes is at present editor-in-chief of the Washington Star. For a more detailed account of his career see the second issue of THE NEWS. Address: Star Building, Washington, D. C.

Albert F. A. King, M. D., '61, president, 1892-3. Dr. King was for a long time a professor in the Medical School, and at one time dean of the department. He is now Professor of Obstetrics and Dean Emeritus of the Medical Faculty. Dr. King was a discoverer of the fact that the mosquito is a germ-bearer. Address: 1315 Massachusetts avenue, Washington, D. C.

Myron M. Parker, LL. B., '76, president, 1893-4. Mr. Parker was a trustee of the University at the time of his election to the presidency of the Alumni Association. He has served on various committees of local and national interest, including: National Republican committees, the Inaugural committees of Garfield, Cleveland, and Harrison. Address: 1418 F street, Washington, D. C.

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INTERCLASS MEET TOMORROW EVENING

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team may be, it cannot be efficient without the activity and personal encouragement of the members of the institution which it endeavors to represent. No matter how earnestly the management labors, its efforts are without the slightest avail unless the institution is behind it.

So far this year the support of the students has been poorer than ever in the history of this institution. The upper classmen blame the Freshmen, while the Freshmen censure the upper classmen for not leading the way. Let these complainings and wranglings cease. Let each student take it upon himself to be a leader, and all join in lending support to this event, which is within reach of all and deserves to be supported. It lies with the students. Will athletics go? That is the question, and your presence at or absence from the meet tomorrow evening will go a long way towards answering it.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

A DISTINCTIVE feature of American college life is the Greek-letter fraternity. A college fraternity is an organization maintaining chapters in a number of colleges and universities for certain social and literary purposes. Its name is a combination of two of three Greek letters, usually the initial letters of a Greek motto stating the purpose or aims of the fraternity, known only to the members. Its meetings are conducted under a carefully guarded ritual, and the proceedings are kept under the strictest secrecy. But in reality the element of secrecy is at the present day of relatively minor importance, except as regards the motto and ritual and the privacy of procedure in its meetings, there is very little that is secret about a fraternity.

The more important side of the Greek-letter fraternity is the character-building influence of the chap-

ter home and the close companionship between the members. Almost all of the fraternities maintain chapter houses, in which some of the members reside. Here in the daily association of several congenial souls about a common table, and under the same roof, is found an atmosphere second only to that of the home itself. Since the colleges began to abandon their dormitories and leave students away from home to the uncertain influences of city boarding-houses and college-town lodgings, this work of the fraternity cannot be too highly commended. The home-like influences of the chapter house cannot but have a potent influence upon the character; and even those who do not live in the chapter house reap undoubted benefits from the intimate association of a number of congenial friends.

According to scope, fraternities are classed as honorary, general or literary, professional, and local. Membership in two fraternities of the same scope is forbidden by Greek ethics. But in the case of academic and professional fraternities, whose aims and ideals lie in altogether different fields, and therefore do not conflict, the rule of single membership is not considered inflexible. Hence, it is by no means unusual to find a student belonging to both an academic and a professional fraternity.

George Washington contains some of the best fraternities in the country, as may be ascertained from Baird's "Manual of Fraternities," 1905 edition. Fraternities here receive the encouragement of the Faculty, and some of the local chapters number members of the Faculty among their "brothers." These members have often furnished valuable counsel and guidance to the chapters, and have proved a source of strength. The school is what may be called a good fraternity field, without being fraternity ridden. Many prominent places in the activities of the University are filled by Greek-letter men, but not to an extent that makes it impossible for a non-fraternity man to attain to positions of honor. On the con-

trary, "Greek" and "barbarian" are found sharing in the activities and honors for the glory of their common Alma Mater.

The following is a list of fraternities at George Washington, with statistics as to extent and membership. In all but a few cases the facts are supplied by members of the various chapters, and are authoritative for the present year.

GENERAL FRATERNITIES.

For Men.

SIGMA CHI.

Founded 1855. Fifty-seven active chapters. *Epsilon Chapter* installed June 10, 1864; 16 members. Chapter House, 1753 T street northwest.

KAPPA SIGMA.

Founded 1867. Seventy-five chapters. *Alpha Eta Chapter* installed February 23, 1892; 18 members. Chapter House, 2517 Fourteenth street northwest.

KAPPA ALPHA.

Founded 1865. Forty-nine chapters. *Alpha Nu Chapter* installed November 22, 1894. Chapter House, 1931 K street northwest.

THETA DELTA CHI.

Founded 1848. Twenty-seven active chapters. *Chi Deuteron Chapter* established March 26, 1896; 9 members. Charge House, 930 Eighteenth street northwest.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA.

Founded 1873. Twenty-three chapters. *Lambda Chapter*, inducted October 7, 1899; 24 members. Chapter House, 1538 Seventeenth street northwest.

DELTA TAU DELTA.

Founded 1859. Fifty chapters. *Gamma Eta Chapter* installed May 9, 1903; 20 members. Chapter House, 1790 Fifteenth street northwest.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

Founded 1856. Seventy-five chapters. *Washington City Rho Chapter* installed 1862, and re-established 1905; 15 members. Chapter House, 1400 Chapin street northwest (Craven Terrace).

SIGMA PHI EPSILON.

Founded 1901. Twenty-seven chapters. *District of Columbia Alpha Chapter* installed October 9, 1909; 25 members. Chapter House, 1433 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

For Women.

PI BETA PHI.

Founded 1867. Forty-three chapters. *Columbia Alpha Chapter* installed April 27, 1889; 8 members. Chapter Hall, 1536 I street northwest.

CHI OMEGA.

Founded 1895. Twenty-five chapters. *Phi Alpha Chapter* installed March 3, 1904; 9 members. Chapter Apartment, 1538 I street northwest.

SIGMA KAPPA.

Founded 1874. Ten active and eight alumnae chapters. *Zeta Chapter* installed 1906; 6 members. Chapter Apartment, 1538 I street northwest.

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES.

PHI DELTA PHI.

Legal fraternity of forty-two chapters; founded 1869 at the Michigan Law School. *Marshall Chapter* established 1884; 16 members.

PSI OMEGA.

Dental fraternity; established at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Thirty-nine chapters. *Beta Gamma Chapter* installed 1903; 29 members. 1107 G street northwest.

PHI CHI.

Medical fraternity of twenty-eight chapters. Founded 1897. *Phi Chapter* installed March 21, 1904; membership, 8. Chapter House, 1307 R street northwest.

ALPHA KAPPA KAPPA.

Medical fraternity; established 1888; 56 chapters. *Alpha Zeta Chapter* installed April 27, 1905; 21 members. Chapter House, 1229 Fifteenth street northwest.

CHI ZETA CHI.

Medical fraternity; established 1902; 22 chapters. *Sigma Chapter* installed 1904; 15 members. Chapter Rooms, 1340 New York avenue northwest.

LOCAL FRATERNITY.

ALPHA BETA PHI.

Organized November, 1904; 16 members. Chapter House, 1523 Corcoran street northwest.

CLASS FRATERNITY.

THETA NU EPSILON.

Organized 1908; membership, 8. This is an interfraternity organization.

HOME-GROWN HUMOR.

THERE'S so much sickness around here, that I am certainly glad to see the ink well.—G. A. Degenhardt, *Engineering*.

This is a strange world, after all. If you tell a man he is "level-headed" he will feel complimented; if you tell him he is "flat-headed" he will get mad.

Did you ever happen to think that there is indeed a difference between day and night? Night falls, yet it never breaks; day breaks, yet it never falls. Not very consistent, eh? What?

Strange how the little birds can feel like singing in the early morning, when their bills are all over dew.

Did you ever stop and think for a moment about this: About a month ago we wrote 10-10-10 (October 10, 1910). Next year we will write 11-11-11 (November 11, 1911). The following year we will write 12-12-12 (December 12, 1912). But a century will roll around before we can write such dates again.—G. A. Degenhardt, *Engineering*.

Query—Is it a grave mistake to omit the acute accent?

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OH, a happy lad is the Government clerk,
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He makes the most of the here and now.

His form is erect and his eye is keen,
As he bangs away on a ----(*) machine.

The cost of living may be dear,
But he lives in hopes of a raise next year.

If rents go up, (in the elevator),
Wages by stairway will follow later.

And if his Uncle Sam is slow,
His Uncle Einstein has the dough.

And why should he ever skip his rent,
With short-time loans at 30 per cent?

Besides, he knows (he thinks) that when
The robin redbreasts nest again,

Before his age gets 'way down hill
The umptieth Congress will pass a bill

That clerks who are feeble and old
and gray
May be retired on quarter-pay.

And that is why he wears a smile
And hustles cheerfully all the while.

And that is why you hear him sing
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VETERINARY NOTES.

THE Veterinary Medical Association held a meeting on Saturday, November 12, in the lecture hall of the Veterinary Hospital. The speakers were Dr. Eichhorn, of the Faculty, and Mr. Hicks, of the Senior Class. Dr. Eichhorn spoke on his recent trip to Europe. Mr. Hicks read a paper on the "Anatomy of the Foot of the Horse." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Junior Class held its regular meeting Saturday, November 19, and showed its usual enthusiasm.

Dr. Formad, Professor of Histology, and Dr. Eichhorn, Professor of Meat Hygiene, who have been away from Washington for their summer work under the Bureau of Animal Industry, have returned and have taken up their work of instruction again.

C. R. Graham, '11, has been very busy recently promoting the athletic interests of the "Vets." with the immediate object of entering a team of sprinters in the interdepartmental meet. He has succeeded in making a number of the students think that they can run, but he is not so successful in making them come out and show how fast they can step it off. However, we are assured that whatever happens, Veterinary College will be represented in the coming meet.

We have to report that this week saw three more veterinarians subscribe for THE NEWS. Another indication of the proper spirit.

SOPHOMORE HONORED.

THE *Political Science Quarterly* for March, 1910, contains an article on "The Government of the District of Columbia" by Mr. George W. Hodgkins, of the Sophomore College Class. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, has ordered the article to be printed and placed among the reference documents of that committee.

This article is the result of independent personal research, unconnected with any work in the University. Its character and quality are shown by the fact that a scientific journal of the standing of *The Political Science Quarterly* was willing not only to publish it, but also to pay the author for it. Mr. Hodgkins is the holder of the Kendall Scholarship, and is one of the best students in his class.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

AS a result of numerous complaints made to the Committee of the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association, that the translation of the insular Spanish laws, made under the direction of the War Department, was inaccurate and unreliable, a special committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Bar Association to

examine the translation and report thereon at the next meeting of the Association. Dean Lorenzen was elected as a member of this committee. The other members are Messrs. R. J. Kerr, Chicago (chairman), and J. Wheelless, St. Louis.

The Junior Class held a brief meeting on Tuesday, November 15, and voted to hold a class smoker in the near future. The committee on arrangements consists of the class officers, Messrs. J. F. Dulles, St. Clair Smith, and H. Humason, and Messrs. R. Gamble and E. W. Bond.

At a meeting of the Freshman (afternoon) Class, on Saturday, November 12, the following officers were elected: E. F. Wenderoth, president; M. M. Moore, vice president; R. W. Sheppard, secretary; W. Strong, treasurer.

TEACHERS COLLEGE NOTES.

THE French Club is a success. Considerable interest has been evinced in this new organization by students who desire to improve their knowledge of French. The purpose of "La Société Française" is to propagate French conversation and literature among the students of the University. The meetings are so conducted that the members—who should have had at least two years of French—will be able to participate in the discussions. Students of all the departments of the University are urged to join, and take advantage of a pleasant and practical way of becoming conversant in this language. Regular meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 in Room 21, Teachers College.

Dr. Ruediger spent the summer in Washington and vicinity devoting most of his time to an investigation of the agencies that are in use for the improvement of teachers in service. He has been making this investigation at the request of the United States Bureau of Education.

At the convention of the N. E. A. in Boston, Dr. Small was elected vice president of the Department of School Administration. Hearty congratulations are extended. After the convention he put aside child study and school questions to investigate the best fishing holes in the streams of Vermont. Here he spent most of his vacation. At a recent meeting of the Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality he read a paper on "Educational Prevention Through the Study of Biological Science."

We wish to commend to our teacher-students THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NEWS. Mr. Schreiber is receiving enthusiastic support in the other departments. Teachers College should, therefore, do her part. Read THE NEWS and subscribe to it. You can strike a bargain with Mr. Hoover by getting in your name before December 1. See Miss Bertha F. Walker, who will be glad to receive your subscription.

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The other evening I was sitting in the library idly turning the leaves of the college catalogue and musing on the deeper meanings of life. I was having a severe attack of that queer feeling. Why was it that everybody seemed to be having so much fun out of so little? Students were passing to and fro in the corridor outside. Such laughing and giggling and nonsense as was going on, too! A foolish word—a wave of the hand—a look out of the corner of an eye! And yet—and yet, do you know—after all they seemed to be having a better time engaged with these frivolities than I was with all my deeper meanings.

I looked down at the catalogue. "Romance Languages!"

Why, that must be it! I'd often heard of the School of Romanticism, but I had never before known what it meant. All these people had been to it, and now they were displaying their knowledge. Well, I reckon I could learn a little Romance, too.

So upstairs I hurried, and registered for the first course under "Romance Languages."

The next morning I arrived bright and early to take my first lesson in the gentle art of having a good time. The thing that impressed me most on entering the classroom was the complete silence, the nervousness expressed by trem-

bling fingers, the worry expressed by anxious eyes.

"How peculiar! They don't seem to have very romantic expressions," I thought.

I glanced at the faces of the students. Well, perhaps things go by opposites, or an exception does prove the rule, or something like that. Anyway, there wasn't much poetry or human love in the expression on their faces.

A student was reciting.

"In the deep depths of her liquid eyes," he translated.

Here was romance at last, it seemed. Would that I might learn to make heart-piercing speeches such as these!

"Oh, bosh!" interrupted the professor. "Are you an American and say slushy things like that? 'Liquid eyes!' H'm! Why can't you learn to translate into English that you would use yourself? 'Liquid eyes!' This is how it should be: 'He looked down into her watery eyes.'"

I gasped. All of my romantic hopes came tumbling to the ground.

I returned again to my deeper studies. A day or two afterwards I was relating my sad experiences to a most charming Person, and she kindly offered to give me private lessons in the science.

Only Fair.

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INTERCLASS MEET TOMORROW EVENING

Unique Features Offered by Manager Keats Make Event Attractive to Student Body.

NOVEL HOBBLE-SKIRT RACE

TOMORROW will witness the biggest athletic event of the season for the students of the George Washington University. All plans have been completed for the interdepartmental meet, and it is certain that sufficient entries have been obtained to guarantee to those who desire to attend the most delightful evening of its kind at the lowest possible cost of admission. The hopes of the management have been more than realized, and it is with pleasure that Mr. Keats and his assistants are able to announce that already the advance sale of tickets is almost sufficient to pay for all expenses.

UNIQUE FEATURES ARRANGED.

Every department of the University is to be represented on the floor by several contestants. The Department of Arts and Sciences will send perhaps the largest delegation. Aside from the usual events, there are several special features on the program which will not fail to amuse. For instance, the hobble-skirt race is expected to throw great light upon the prevailing fashions, while the penny roll will afford as much excitement and fun as the three-legged or potato races. Also the interfraternity match will be of universal interest. In addition, a race has been arranged especially for the athletic managers of the various teams of the present year. Mr. Haller, manager of the football team; Mr. Cash, of the rifle team; and Mr. Keats, of the track team, will be the competitors in this event. As none of these gentlemen have been doing any training, the race will probably be amusing in the extreme, although they have all had several years experience on the track squad.

STUDENT SUPPORT SOLICITED.

The management has done all it can to insure a good time and a meet worthy of the institution. It remains for the students to do their share. This will really be a test of the school spirit of the men of George Washington. Football has failed because of lack of support. Will track go likewise? Without the co-operation of the student body no form of athletic activity at all is possible. No matter how good a

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G. W. U. LOSES TO V. P. I.

Game Hard Fought in First Half But Strength and Endurance Give Victory to Virginia.

THE first half of the game with Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Va., November 13, was as fine an exhibition of football playing as one would care to see. Both teams fought hard, and when the whistle blew after thirty minutes of play, each had shared in the glory of a touchdown. V. P. I., however, gained one point over George Washington, Legge having kicked a difficult goal.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WEAKENS.

The second half was not so interesting from a G. W. U. standpoint. By means of line plunging, forward passes, and fake plays, aided by a weakened resistance on the part of George Washington, V. P. I. made steady gains, and finished the game by defeating their opponents by a score of 21 to 5.

The Blacksburg team has maintained an excellent record this season, and they believed they would have an easy time defeating George Washington. But before the game had progressed very far they began to doubt whether they would even be so fortunate as to get the big end of the score. It was not until the last quarter, after a severe talk from Coach Branch Bocock and a noticeable weakening of the G. W. U. team, that they began to pile up the points and feel that the game was theirs.

V. P. I. EASILY SUPERIOR.

Our team put up a game fight, but the strength and endurance of their opponents was superior. The team showed lack of training and practice, both in offensive and defensive play. Football, just like any other game, takes study and practice, and when a team goes on a field without that confidence, which is a result of a thorough drill in signals and mass plays, it might just as well give up from the start. George Washington showed a need of more drill in signals, interference, and collective playing than anything else.

Owing to the recent decision of the Athletic Council, the game with V. P. I. closes this year's season. On the whole, the record of the team has been a creditable one.

THE 1911 "CHERRY TREE"

Foreword From Managers Setting Forth General Plans for the Publication of the Annual.

THE 1911 University *Cherry Tree* is now getting under way, and will be issued on or about the first of April, as heretofore. Although the present Editor and Business Manager were appointed later than usual, this should not delay the publication of the book in any way, provided every student will determine to give the book his help and support. If you have not as yet held your class elections, be sure and elect a capable and interested person to the position of class editor; for you must remember that not only will that person be partly responsible for the book as a whole, but on him will rest the entire responsibility for the manner in which your particular class is represented. If you have already elected a representative, see to it that he secures the best possible representation in the book for your class. Do your share towards making it a book truly representative of the whole University.

SUBSCRIPTION SLIPS TO BE ISSUED.

So much for the editorial side. Perhaps even more important just now is the business and financial end of the annual. In the near future subscription slips will be placed in the different buildings and in the hands of the various class editors. These will be somewhat similar to those of last year, and will be arranged so that the book may be paid for now at a less cost than later in the year. You will not only aid your own pocketbook by subscribing now, but will aid the management, since the more money they are certain of the more they can put into the book; and, coming back to you again, the better book you will get. Again, if there is anyone who has any particular ability in or aptitude at advertisement soliciting, he can, by getting in touch with the Business Manager, make an arrangement satisfactory to himself, and materially beneficial to the book.

HELP OF STUDENT BODY NEEDED.

There are still a number of positions on the editorial and business

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FOOTBALL SQUAD ORDERED TO DISBAND

Disqualification of Men on the Team and Lack of Funds Make Action Necessary.

ATHLETIC CRISIS REACHED

ATHLETICS received a decided blow when the Athletic Council, at its meeting on Monday, the 14th, refused to take any further responsibility for the financing of the football team. For some time the Council has been considering the question of how to solve the football problem, but it was not until the meeting of Monday night that a decision was finally made. After considering every possible alternative, it was concluded that it would be necessary to cancel the remaining games on the schedule and to disband the team. The reasons for this action are, first, the lack of funds with which to finance the team, and, secondly, the disqualification of a majority of the men on the team, who, in spite of repeated warnings, have failed to live up to the scholastic requirements of the University. The decision of the Council, together with its statement of the reasons for that decision, is embodied in the following resolution which the Council passed at its Monday meeting and submitted to the University authorities:

RESOLUTION OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

"WHEREAS, The Athletic Council has entered upon the present athletic season after consultation with the President and the University authorities and at their request; and

"WHEREAS, The University ruling suspending men for non-payment of tuition fees, renders intelligible a working majority of the football team; and

"WHEREAS, The present critical financial situation caused by the deficit of previous years, and the unfavorable results of this year's schedule will probably be enhanced by completing that schedule; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the remaining games be cancelled at once, with the approval of the University authorities, and that the Council be directed in regard to measures necessary to relieve the present financial situation."

This resolution is self-explanatory. Suffice it to say that the University authorities approved the action of the Council. The remaining games on the schedule have accordingly been cancelled and training has ceased.

FINANCIAL SITUATION CRITICAL.

The financial situation of the Council is, to say the least, extremely critical. The outstanding liabilities are approximately \$1,200 in excess of the assets. Part of this deficit is the accumulation of for-

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mer years, and has been carried over from year to year in the hope of a successful season.

Just what measures will be taken to meet this deficit is not as yet known. It is the intention of the University authorities to hold a conference in the near future to discuss methods by which the liabilities of the Athletic Association may be liquidated. The authorities are willing to do everything in their power to settle the financial question, but at the same time they desire that it should be understood by the student body and the outside business world that the University is not responsible for the debts of student associations.

DECISION MAY AFFECT ATHLETICS GENERALLY.

It is impossible just now to predict in what manner or to what extent the decision of the Council will affect the other athletic interests of the University in general, and the continuance of football in particular. It seems likely, however, that, unless a radical change for the better takes place in the amount of financial support given to athletics by the student body, it will be necessary to discontinue football permanently and perhaps also all other athletic enterprises as well.

PRESIDENT STOCKTON'S STATEMENT.

President Stockton gave out the following statement:

"It is a matter of regret that there is not sufficient spirit and leisure among the students to make up the number necessary to constitute a football team and to contribute the necessary amount of money. But no blame is attached to anyone, since circumstances existed within and outside of the team rendering it impossible to go on. I hope, however, that the proposed track meet will be fully carried out, as now seems likely.

"Of course, the University is handicapped in various ways. It has no athletic fields, nor any of the conveniences by which training tables can be carried on at a minimum cost. This year the University has contributed \$500 for athletics, which is the utmost it can do financially, as, naturally, its first duties are academic and educational. The academic and educational needs of the University are still beyond its finances, and consequently it rests with the students, and their friends, and the Alumni to assume in the main the expenses of athletics and of the various student enterprises."

MR. CURL'S ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION.

"In my opinion, three causes are responsible for the present football situation. First, the schedule; secondly, Saturday afternoon classes, especially in the Law School; thirdly, the impossibility of getting afternoon men to play football and the small number of day students from whom to draw. Circumstances, or what is popularly called 'hard luck,' forced us into a weak schedule. When the season was being planned games with Carlisle and Georgetown were counted upon, which two games would undoubtedly have enabled us to meet the financial obligations of the season. In addition, one or two minor games were cancelled by the other teams, and two out-of-town games, upon which we had counted to make money, resulted in losses.

"Saturday afternoon classes deprived us of the income from a large number of Athletic Association tickets. Students will not buy tickets if they cannot use them without cutting classes. We are now forced to admit that afternoon students will not cut class in order to play football. Although special lectures are given by the Faculty for football players, the men feel that they do not get the same benefit from these lectures that they obtain from the regular ones. The day classes at present are so small that a team cannot be drawn from them.

"I believe, however, that this should not be our final effort in behalf of foot-

ball, as I confidently expect our day classes to increase, in which event we certainly should be able to put a strong team upon the field. I am, therefore, decidedly in favor of giving football another trial."

ENGINEERING SCHOOL NOTES.

THE Engineering Society met on Saturday evening, November 12, at the Bureau of Standards. About thirty-four men were present, and spent an entertaining and profitable evening. Probably no other institution in this country contains as much under one roof of interest to engineers as does the Bureau of Standards. The only regret of President Carty was that more of our engineers did not come out. The main difficulty seems to be that 6.30 on Saturday evening is a rather inconvenient time, as many men reserve that evening for social duties unconnected with their engineering course. Perhaps a larger crowd would attend if the meetings could be arranged for an evening in the middle of the week.

On Thursday, the 17th, the Junior Class met and organized for the year. The meeting was short and was carried through in a business-like fashion. Only two officers were chosen: Mr. R. H. Harrison, president, and Mr. H. P. Bayley, treasurer. Both men are well known and admirably fitted for the offices.

The Senior Class held a meeting recently and elected officers as follows: Mr. H. K. Craig, president; Mr. F. A. Howard, vice president; Mr. A. M. Prentiss, secretary; Mr. R. F. Carty, treasurer, and Mr. T. L. Moody, editor.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

BEGINNING with December 1, the following magazines will be on file in the Y. M. C. A. Room for the use of members: *Adventure*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Everybody's*, *Outing*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Success*.

The day for the Y. M. C. A. Chapel has been changed to Wednesday at 12 o'clock. All students are urged to attend these meetings. It means the sacrifice of only some fifteen minutes of time.

ENGINEERING DANCE.

THE students of the College of Engineering will give a dance at Mrs. Dyers, 1517 R street, on Friday, December 9, at 8.30 p. m. The proceeds of the affair will be used to pay up the deficit of last year's Freshman dance. If the proceeds exceed the debt, the remainder will be turned over to the Engineering Society. It is up to the members of the Engineering Society to come out and make the affair a success. The support of every other student, also, should be given. Everyone who attends will not only help a good cause, but will be guaranteed a most enjoyable evening. Tickets are \$1.50, and may be obtained from Parker, Swartzell, Slarrow, Dutton, Stockton, or Hodgkins. Refreshments will be served.

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staffs of the *Cherry Tree* which have not been filled. Anyone interested in this kind of work will do well to get in touch with the Editor or Business Manager at once. Any matter dropped in the various News boxes will reach them if properly directed.

It is purposed to get out a book substantially the same in size and number of pages as last year and somewhat similarly bound. It is particularly desired to make the book more than ever a true reflection of college life here at George Washington. To this end all quips, jokes, and sidelights will be especially appreciated. On things like this, as much as on larger ones, depends the difference between a dry compendium of names and photographs and a real, live, truly interesting and representative book. Help us all you can.

H. W. HODGKINS AND D. L. DUTTON
IN CHARGE.

President Stockton recently appointed Howard W. Hodgkins, Editor-in-Chief, and Donald L. Dutton, Business Manager, and these two men are the ones who will be finally responsible for the annual this year. They are both full day men in the Engineering College. The publication of the annual will be under the Faculty control of a committee composed of Professor Reudiger, chairman, and Deans Hodgkins and Wilbur.

ENGINEERS PLAN BANQUET.

A BANQUET for the engineering students, to be given by the Engineering Society, has been a fond hope of that organization for some years, but not until this year has anything definite come of the idea. At the last meeting, held on Saturday, November 19, a preliminary report was presented by the committee on investigation, showing that if such a banquet were given nearly all of the Junior and Senior classes in engineering and many Freshmen and Sophomores would attend. After considering the report, which seemed decidedly favorable, the date for the banquet was set for December 17th, and a committee appointed to arrange all details. The affair will probably take place in one of the Washington hotels. It is hoped that several prominent men in the engineering world will be secured as speakers.

DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES.

RICHARD ARONSON is spending his Thanksgiving vacation with his family in New York.

Stewart S. Angelo has just returned from a vacation trip to Virginia, and reports that he had a pleasant time.

The Senior Class selected and ordered its class pins last Friday. They consist of a triangle, the apex upwards, placed in a circular background, with the letters G. W. U. around the outside, and '11 in the center.

POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES.

PROFESSOR OSBORNE is planning to take his class in International Trade to Philadelphia to inspect the Commercial Museum at that place. The museum is one of the most important unofficial trade-promoting agencies in the United States, and is sustained almost wholly by the municipality of Philadelphia. Features of the museum are: The Scientific Department, which has charge of installing and maintaining the exhibits of the institution and conducting educational work, and the Foreign Trade Bureau, which makes the museum's facilities available to manufacturers throughout the country in the extension of export trade.

James O. Laing, ex. 1909, has been accredited to the British Government as consul at Malta. This is an especially desirable post, and Mr. Laing feels himself fortunate in having procured it.

S. E. Barrett, of Seattle, Wash., A. B., University of Rochester, is pursuing work for the Master of Diplomacy degree.

Professor Scott has a marked aversion to any of his students coming late. Recently, one of the boys, finding himself delayed, sidled quietly into an inconspicuous part of the room, and was in the act of ensconcing himself comfortably, when the eagle eyes of the professor spied him. Fixing the tardy one with a most benignant smile, the professor said, coaxingly: "Aw, now, come on in. Nobody's going to hurt you." Of course, the tardy one yielded.

"Synonym for charge d'affaires—an aspiration."—Scott.

L. Roy Zapf, ex. 1909, was recently married to Miss Mabel Rose, of Litchfield, Ill. It is understood that this is the culmination of a real college romance which had its inception at DePauw University, where bride and groom were students.

Since elections are now over, Tracy Lay has found time to register for this year. He has just returned from a hot campaign in Alabama, where he aided in securing the re-election of Congressman Burnett.

Professors Kern, Moore and McNemar went out together to hear the election returns. It is rumored that several cigars were at stake on the results.

There are a few extremely impatient individuals stalking around these days. The various candidates who took the consular examination last June have as yet not heard regarding ratings made by them. It is understood that the results will not be announced for several weeks to come.

Curious to hear the comments of the various professors when the big steam riveter on the building in process of construction, in our im-

mediate vicinity, gets into operation. Dr. Swisher: "It's fierce." Dr. Scott: "My voice can't compete with that." Professor Osborne: "It's harrowing." Professor Kern: "It's disconcerting." Some of the students have been heard to express themselves more forcibly than the foregoing.

PHARMACY NOTES.

THE last issue of THE NEWS contained the statement that Mr. Hardy had been elected secretary of the Senior Class. This was a mistake. Mr. Hardy was made treasurer.

Mr. Schommer says that listening to lectures on organic chemistry is a good soporific. Moral: Take a glass of coco cola before going to class.

The Freshman Class met and organized on November 14. After a short discussion the following officers were elected: David L. Maxwell, president; F. E. Dudley, Jr., vice president and class editor; Herbert A. Daly, secretary and treasurer. The class has been rather slow in organizing this year, but it intends to do its part from now on, and let the rest of the University know that it is ready to support all student enterprises that may be projected.

Mr. Lear has been using "Rexall Hair Tonic" on his upper lip, which he recommends highly to those wishing a fringed finish to the nasal piece.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

THE first regular meeting of the Chemical Society was held in the Medical Building of the University Friday evening, November 11. Twenty-five members were present.

All persons who sign the Constitution and By-Laws and pay their dues (\$1.00) on or before the next meeting of the Society, on December 9, will be charter members.

The following papers will be read at this meeting: "Petroleum and Its Products," J. N. Taylor; "Determination of Sulphur in Fuel," K. J. Osterhaus; "Distillation of Wood," M. R. Coe.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK PUBLISHED.

THE Baseball Publishing Company, of 2 Park Square, Boston, Mass., has just published "The Fatima Handbook of College Athletics." The preface contains the following statement:

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FRATERNITY NOTES.

THE following have been pledged to Pi Beta Phi: Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, Miss Genevieve Frizzell, Miss Esther Galbraith, Miss Edna Hanvey, Miss Lulu McCabe, Miss Ruth Pope, Miss Maxey Robeson.

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity gave a dance at its house on November 4. The house was tastefully decorated. Everyone present voted the affair a huge success.

Theta Delta Chi held its regular fall initiation at the Charge House on Saturday, the 12th. The six initiates were Charles C. McCubbin, College; H. Guy Chase, College; Alvin Brown, College; Rainer W. Argo, Engineering; Hope H. Falconer, Engineering; and Norman Raymond, College. A large number of Alumni and out-of-town Theta Deltas were present. A banquet was served after the initiation. Lieutenant-Commander L. M. Cox, U. S. N., was toastmaster. Among those present were several men from the Nu Charge at the University of Virginia, who had come up for the Virginia-Georgetown game. Among the letters and telegrams from out-of-town Theta Deltas which were read was one from Mr. Cook, the president of the fraternity, and one from Governor-elect Dix of New York.

The Beta Gamma Chapter of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity entertained the Freshmen, Junior, and Senior classes at a smoker given at the fraternity apartments, 1107 G street, last Saturday. The Alumni Chapter was also represented. There were about sixty persons present.

On the evenings of November 18 and 19 the men pledged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon were initiated into the fraternity in the presence of forty-five members. The nine men admitted were: Miles Bingham, College; T. Eustace Bizzell, College; William Maddox, Law; Lanier P. McLaughlin, College; T. Baker Robinson, Law; Vincent Smith, College; Frank W. Thomas, College; George W. Wilson, Law, and Irving T. Young, Law. After the ritual on Saturday evening the new men sat down to their first fraternity banquet. Mr. F. C. More presided as toastmaster. Among those present were all of the active chapter, a number of Alumni, and ten men from the University of Pennsylvania chapter.

District of Columbia Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity held an initiation Saturday evening, November 5. The fraternity announces the following initiates: Edward C. Coumbe, Law, '13, North Yakima, Washington; Henry A. Cox, Law, '12, Sharon, Tennessee; Ross H. Johnson, College, '13, District of Columbia; Edwin A. Schmitt, Engineering, '14, District of Columbia; Carlos C. Houghton, College, '13, District of Columbia; Robson De S. Brown, A. B., '07, District of Columbia. Affiliate, Thomas L. Creekmore, Law, '13, William and Mary College.

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AFTER all, it requires rather a nice sense of discrimination to discover the difference between thinking what you wouldn't say, and saying what you shouldn't think.

THE FOOTBALL SITUATION.

IT IS, to say the least, unfortunate that the Athletic Council should have been forced to discontinue football when practically only one game remained to be played. The statement that a student body of more than twelve hundred is unable, or unwilling, or both, to support a football team sounds very much like a paradox. And yet that is precisely the situation now. Notwithstanding the repeated and incessant efforts of the Council and the football management to work up a little enthusiasm among the students, such attempts have proved abortive, and, whether we like it or not, we are now forced to admit that, in spite of the glowing prospects at the opening of the season, the student body does not deserve to be represented in football, for the simple reason that it will not support a team.

This is not said in a spirit of fault-finding. It is stated merely as the only possible inference that can be deduced from the history of this year's football season. There are a good many circumstances which make it practically impossible for a majority of the student body to support football. In fact, we believe that Mr. Curl's analysis of the problem is the true one, namely, that the late afternoon classes are at the basis of the difficulty. But even among those students who may be classed as "day students" there has been a woeful lack of spirit.

We are inclined, however, to take issue with Mr. Curl on the statement that "this should not be our final effort in behalf of football." If by this is meant that another attempt should not be made until the

day classes are large enough and the student body generally is willing to support a team, we agree with him exactly. But if he means that an attempt should again be made next year, we dissent from that opinion. In our judgment, the probability that the day classes of next year will be sufficiently large and enthusiastic to support a football team is too remote to justify the making of any definite plans for next year, or even the year after. In other words, while we agree with Mr. Curl precisely as to the principle to be applied, namely, the size of the day classes and support that can be relied upon from them, we differ from him as to the application of that principle, if this statement is to be interpreted as meaning that the requisites of that principle will probably be satisfied by conditions of next year.

It is not our purpose to attempt to fathom the causes for the present crisis. We have not sufficient data at hand to make even a shrewd guess in the matter. We do not propose to unearth the musty records of the past in an endeavor to discover to what extent the losses of previous years are responsible for the present deficit. In fact, we surmise that if such a search were made it would be found that the lack of financial support from the student body was the underlying cause. The apathetic indifference of the student body is not something of recent origin; it has its roots far back in the past.

The important question just now is not How has this thing been done? but How is this thing to be undone? How are the liabilities of the Association to be discharged? It would seem that the obligation to pay these debts rests upon the student body and the Alumni.

THE STUDENT BODY.

IN THE general plan of restoring public confidence in the University and of securing for it public support, the student body must play an important part. That the University needs assistance is undoubted. But to get the support of the community there must be not only necessity, but also desert. Of course, as students, we are quite sure the University deserves to be helped. That is a good indication. But it is not enough. We have got to convince the community that, as a student body, we deserve to be helped. This is the problem with the solution of which we are now confronted. It is a problem which concerns not particular sections of the student body, not the upper classmen alone, but the entire student body, without exception. It is a problem which demands for its solution the united co-operation of every one of us.

This, then, is the desideratum which we should set before us for the coming year, and which we should strive to accomplish—to convince the community that we deserve its support. It is not our purpose to sermonize about the means that should be adopted to attain this end, nor to catalogue a list of "do's" and "don'ts" for the guidance of student conduct. The appropriate

means will readily suggest themselves, if only the goal be kept at all times clearly in mind.

It may be well, however, to suggest in a general way what those means should be. Every student should support the student activities. It is not desired, nor would it be advisable, that every student should support every student enterprise. But it is absolutely necessary that every student should support at least one student interest. Without such support the student activities at this University will be a hopeless failure. With such support they will not only be highly successful, but will offer to the community a gauge by which it can estimate whether or not the student body deserves its sympathy and support. It is not enough that the Faculty is a good one, or that the administration is competent, or that the educational equipment is satisfactory. The student body, above all, must be of such a character as to merit assistance.

Moreover, every student should keep a watchful eye over his conduct when he is pursuing other than University interests. Wherever he goes and is known as a student of the University he carries its reputation with him, and his good or bad conduct will help to make or mar its fair fame. Let no one think that what he does will pass unnoticed or have no effect. Every student, without a single exception, has an important part to play in the general scheme for strengthening the reputation of the University. All must co-operate if the desired result is to be attained.

COLUMBIAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

WHEN one can hold the attention of an audience while discussing what we sometimes call a worn-out subject, he is almost to be classed as an orator. Well, such was the situation when Messrs. Richardson, Nicholson, Hilton, and Oberlin debated the old question, "That the United States Should Establish a System of Shipping Subsidies." The affirmative based their argument upon conditions existing in European countries, which, they argued, make it impossible for American shipping companies to compete successfully. The negative contended that no stable industry could be established by making the industry dependent upon a bounty. High tariff was cited as the real cause of our inability to cope with foreign shippers. This, of course, was denied and ably refuted by affirmative speakers. The negative won the decision of the judges, first honors going to Mr. Hilton, and second to Mr. Oberlin, both negative speakers.

The Society meets every Friday night, and is continually adding new men to its ranks. All interested are welcome.

Plans are already being made for the first intersociety debate with the Needham Society. This debate promises to be of unusual interest. You should not miss it. Watch THE NEWS for a more detailed statement of the time, place, subject, and general arrangements.

BOOKS OLD AND NEW

THE FIRST CLASS READER.

LET MELY I ran across an old school book with yellow pages and worm-eaten leather binding. Its perusal gives rise to some interesting reflections as to the changes which have taken place during the last three generations in our ideas about mental nourishment for schoolboys and girls. The name of the book is "The First Class Reader: A Selection for Exercises in Reading, From Standard British and American Authors." It was published in Boston in 1833. It was used by the most advanced pupils—the grandparents and great-grandparents of today's high school pupils.

It would puzzle most of these high school pupils, and probably some students of literature here at G. W. U., to identify all of the "standard British and American authors" of 1833 here represented. Alongside such stars of the first magnitude as Byron and Scott and Johnson, and such lesser luminaries as Irving and Bryant, beam the faint lights of Howitt and Chalmers. By a great effort one can discern in the far-off literary firmament of that day the pinhole lustre of Tudor and Ames. But then we come to names that are names only. Who, for example, was "T. Gray, Jun."? Who was "Bird," here represented by an "Ode to the Moon"? Who, in the name of Apollo and the Nine, was Husebeth, who has a hundred or so lines of blank verse on "The Ruins of Babylon"? Will the "standard British and American authors" of today, now being fed to the high school pupils aforesaid, be as little known eighty years hence as the worthies of the "First Class Reader"?

The compiler of the work lays down in his preface the rules which he believes necessary in making a reading book. He says:

"Purity of sentiment, blended with that which may inform the understanding, while at the same time it interests the heart, is indispensable."

This principle is carried out in the inclusion of such selections as "The Pleasures of Religion," by Smith; "The Emigrant's Abode in Ohio," by Flint; "Contemplation of the Starry Heavens," by Chalmers, and "The Instability of Earthly Things," by Hervey.

The introductory, "Suggestions to Teachers," begins by observing that "the present is an age of experiment as well as improvement in the modes of teaching." That sounds quite modern. But then we find these questions in a specimen examination:

"What is the meaning of the word 'author'? What is the equivalent word applied to a female?"

That makes it seem a long way back to 1833. "Poetesses" and "authoresses" have about gone out, along with "emigration" to Ohio.

LUPUS.

ALUMNI NOTES.

DR. J. RAMSAY NEVITT, Class of '89, is Coroner for the District of Columbia.

Walter S. Harshman, M. S., '92; Ph. D., '94, is professor of mathematics in the Navy. He was professor of applied mathematics in the Graduate School of the University from 1900 to 1907. He has contributed extensively to mathematical journals. Address: Annapolis, Md.

Henry H. C. Dunwoody, LL. B., '76, is a brigadier general in the Army. Immediately upon his graduation from the Military Academy in 1866 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the artillery service. In 1890 he was transferred to the Signal Corps, with the rank of major, and since that time he has been engaged in signal work up to the date of his resignation, July 7, 1904. Address: 1522 Thirty-first street, Washington, D. C.

Albert Van der Veer, M. D., '62; LL. D., '04, has been professor of surgery at the Albany Medical College since 1902. Immediately upon graduating from the Medical School, which was then conducted under the name of the National Medical College, he enlisted as a surgeon in the 66th New York Volunteers. He served in that capacity during the entire Civil War. After the war he occupied the position of professor of general and special anatomy at the Albany Medical College, and has since been connected with that institution as professor of several different medical subjects. He is a member of the American Surgical Association, and since 1895 has been a member of the Board of Regents of New York. In addition, Dr. Van der Veer has written extensively on special medical topics. Address: 28 Eagle street, Albany, N. Y.

Benjamin F. Keller, LL. B., '82; LL. D., '03, is judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and began the practice of law in 1891 at Bramwell, W. Va. After ten years of active practice he was appointed to his present position. He is a member of the Republican party. Address: Charleston, W. Va.

George C. Reid, LL. B., '73, is Brigadier-General, United States Marine Corps. He has held several important positions in the marine service. He was appointed adjutant and inspector, with the rank of major, in May, 1894; promoted to colonel in 1899, and retired as brigadier-general December 15, 1904. He served in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and in various departments of sea and barracks duty. Address: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

The general Alumni Association of the University has been in exist-

ence since 1887. There have been nineteen presidents of the Association up to the present time. The following are the first seven:

William F. Mattingly, Ph. B., '57; honorary A. M., '62; LL. D., '01, president 1887-8. Mr. Mattingly is a member of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He was at one time a member of the Board of Governors of the University Hospital, and professor of practical commercial law in the Law School. He was also a trustee of the University for forty-two years, 1868-1910. Address: 435 Seventh street, Washington, D. C.

Otis T. Mason (deceased), A. M., '62; Ph. D., '79; LL. D., '98, president from 1888-9. Mr. Mason was an ethnologist of national reputation. He was the author of many books and bulletins of a scientific nature, and a member of many of the leading scientific societies in this country and Europe.

D. Webster Prentiss (deceased), Ph. B., '61; A. M., '65, president from 1889-1890. Dr. Prentiss received the M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1864. He was professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medical School from 1879 to 1900.

Brainard H. Warner, LL. B., '72, president from 1890-1. Mr. Warner is a prominent local business man. He organized the Washington Loan and Trust Company and the Columbia National Bank, and, in addition, is extensively interested in the real estate business. In 1890 he founded the town of Kensington, Md. Address: 916 F street, Washington, D. C.

Theodore W. Noyes, A. B., '77; A. M., '77; LL. B., '82; LL. M., '83, president, 1891-2. Mr. Noyes is at present editor-in-chief of the Washington Star. For a more detailed account of his career see the second issue of THE NEWS. Address: Star Building, Washington, D. C.

Albert F. A. King, M. D., '61, president, 1892-3. Dr. King was for a long time a professor in the Medical School, and at one time dean of the department. He is now Professor of Obstetrics and Dean Emeritus of the Medical Faculty. Dr. King was a discoverer of the fact that the mosquito is a germ-bearer. Address: 1315 Massachusetts avenue, Washington, D. C.

Myron M. Parker, LL. B., '76, president, 1893-4. Mr. Parker was a trustee of the University at the time of his election to the presidency of the Alumni Association. He has served on various committees of local and national interest, including: National Republican committees, the Inaugural committees of Garfield, Cleveland, and Harrison. Address: 1418 F street, Washington, D. C.

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INTERCLASS MEET TOMORROW EVENING

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team may be, it cannot be efficient without the activity and personal encouragement of the members of the institution which it endeavors to represent. No matter how earnestly the management labors, its efforts are without the slightest avail unless the institution is behind it.

So far this year the support of the students has been poorer than ever in the history of this institution. The upper classmen blame the Freshmen, while the Freshmen censure the upper classmen for not leading the way. Let these complainings and wranglings cease. Let each student take it upon himself to be a leader, and all join in lending support to this event, which is within reach of all and deserves to be supported. It lies with the students. Will athletics go? That is the question, and your presence at or absence from the meet tomorrow evening will go a long way towards answering it.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

A DISTINCTIVE feature of American college life is the Greek-letter fraternity. A college fraternity is an organization maintaining chapters in a number of colleges and universities for certain social and literary purposes. Its name is a combination of two or three Greek letters, usually the initial letters of a Greek motto stating the purpose or aims of the fraternity, known only to the members. Its meetings are conducted under a carefully guarded ritual, and the proceedings are kept under the strictest secrecy. But in reality the element of secrecy is at the present day of relatively minor importance, except as regards the motto and ritual and the privacy of procedure in its meetings, there is very little that is secret about a fraternity.

The more important side of the Greek-letter fraternity is the character-building influence of the chap-

ter home and the close companionship between the members. Almost all of the fraternities maintain chapter houses, in which some of the members reside. Here in the daily association of several congenial souls about a common table, and under the same roof, is found an atmosphere second only to that of the home itself. Since the colleges began to abandon their dormitories and leave students away from home to the uncertain influences of city boarding-houses and college-town lodgings, this work of the fraternity cannot be too highly commended. The home-like influences of the chapter house cannot but have a potent influence upon the character, and even those who do not live in the chapter house reap undoubted benefits from the intimate association of a number of congenial friends.

According to scope, fraternities are classed as honorary, general or literary, professional, and local. Membership in two fraternities of the same scope is forbidden by Greek ethics. But in the case of academic and professional fraternities, whose aims and ideals lie in altogether different fields, and therefore do not conflict, the rule of single membership is not considered inflexible. Hence, it is by no means unusual to find a student belonging to both an academic and a professional fraternity.

George Washington contains some of the best fraternities in the country, as may be ascertained from Baird's "Manual of Fraternities," 1905 edition. Fraternities here receive the encouragement of the Faculty, and some of the local chapters number members of the Faculty among their "brothers." These members have often furnished valuable counsel and guidance to the chapters, and have proved a source of strength. The school, is what may be called a good fraternity field, without being fraternity ridden. Many prominent places in the activities of the University are filled by Greek-letter men, but not to an extent that makes it impossible for a non-fraternity man to attain to positions of honor. On the con-

trary, "Greek" and "barbarian" are found sharing in the activities and honors for the glory of their common Alma Mater.

The following is a list of fraternities at George Washington, with statistics as to extent and membership. In all but a few cases the facts are supplied by members of the various chapters, and are authoritative for the present year:

GENERAL FRATERNITIES.

For Men.

SIGMA CHI.
Founded 1855. Fifty-seven active chapters. *Epsilon Chapter* installed June 10, 1864; 16 members. Chapter House, 1753 T street northwest.

KAPPA SIGMA.
Founded 1867. Seventy-five chapters. *Alpha Eta Chapter* installed February 23, 1892; 18 members. Chapter House, 2517 Fourteenth street northwest.

KAPPA ALPHA.
Founded 1865. Forty-nine chapters. *Alpha Nu Chapter* installed November 22, 1894. Chapter House, 1931 K street northwest.

THETA DELTA CHI.
Founded 1848. Twenty-seven active chapters. *Chi Deuteron Chapter* established March 26, 1896; 9 members. Chapter House, 930 Eighteenth street northwest.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA.
Founded 1873. Twenty-three chapters. *Lambda Chapter* installed October 7, 1899; 24 members. Chapter House, 1538 Seventeenth street northwest.

DELTA TAU DELTA.
Founded 1859. Fifty chapters. *Gamma Eta Chapter* installed May 9, 1903; 20 members. Chapter House, 1700 Fifteenth street northwest.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.
Founded 1856. Seventy-five chapters. *Washington City Rho Chapter* installed 1862, and re-established 1905; 15 members. Chapter House, 1400 Chapin street northwest (Crawfey Terrace).

SIGMA PHI EPSILON.
Founded 1901. Twenty-seven chapters. *District of Columbia Alpha Chapter* installed October 9, 1909; 25 members. Chapter House, 1433 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

For Women.

PI BETA PHI.
Founded 1867. Forty-three chapters. *Columbia Alpha Chapter* installed April 27, 1889; 8 members. Chapter Hall, 1536 I street northwest.

CHI OMEGA.
Founded 1895. Twenty-five chapters. *Phi Alpha Chapter* installed March 3, 1904; 9 members. Chapter Apartment, 1538 I street northwest.

SIGMA KAPPA.
Founded 1874. Ten active and eight alumnae chapters. *Zeta Chapter* installed 1906; 6 members. Chapter Apartment, 1538 I street northwest.

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES.

PHI DELTA PHI.
Legal fraternity of forty-two chapters; founded 1869 at the Michigan Law School. *Marshall Chapter* established 1884; 16 members.

PSI OMEGA.
Dental fraternity; established at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Thirty-nine chapters. *Beta Gamma Chapter* installed 1903; 20 members. 1107 G street northwest.

PHI CHI.
Medical fraternity of twenty-eight chapters. Founded 1897. *Phi Chapter* installed March 21, 1904; membership, 8. Chapter House, 1307 R street northwest.

ALPHA KAPPA KAPPA.
Medical fraternity; established 1888; 56 chapters. *Alpha Zeta Chapter* installed April 27, 1905; 21 members. Chapter House, 1229 Fifteenth street northwest.

CHI ZETA CHI.
Medical fraternity; established 1902; 22 chapters. *Sigma Chapter* installed 1904; 15 members. Chapter Rooms, 1340 New York avenue northwest.

LOCAL FRATERNITY.

ALPHA BETA PHI.
Organized November, 1904; 16 members. Chapter House, 1523 Corcoran street northwest.

CLASS FRATERNITY.

THETA NU EPSILON.
Organized 1908; membership, 8. This is an interfraternity organization.

HOME-GROWN HUMOR.

THERE'S so much sickness around here, that I am certainly glad to see the ink well.—G. A. Degenhardt, *Engineering*.

This is a strange world, after all. If you tell a man he is "level-headed" he will feel complimented; if you tell him he is "flat-headed" he will get mad.

Did you ever happen to think that there is indeed a difference between day and night? Night falls, yet it never breaks; day breaks, yet it never falls. Not very consistent, eh? What?

Strange how the little birds can feel like singing in the early morning, when their bills are all over dew.

Did you ever stop and think for a moment about this: About a month ago we wrote 10-10-10 (October 10, 1910). Next year we will write 11-11-11 (November 11, 1911). The following year we will write 12-12-12 (December 12, 1912). But a century will roll around before we can write such dates again.—G. A. Degenhardt, *Engineering*.

Query—Is it a grave mistake to omit the acute accent?

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OH, a happy lad is the Government clerk.
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The cost of living may be dear,
But he lives in hopes of a raise next year.

If rents go up (in the elevator),
Wages by stairway will follow later.

And if his Uncle Sam is slow,
His Uncle Einstein has the dough.

And why should he ever skip his rent,
With short-time loans at 30 per cent?

Besides, he knows (he thinks) that when
The robin redbreasts nest again.

Before his age gets 'way down hill
The umptieth Congress will pass a bill

That clerks who are feeble and old
and gray
May be retired on quarter pay.

And that is why he wears a smile
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VETERINARY NOTES.

THE Veterinary Medical Association held a meeting on Saturday, November 12, in the lecture hall of the Veterinary Hospital. The speakers were Dr. Eichhorn, of the Faculty, and Mr. Hicks, of the Senior Class. Dr. Eichhorn spoke on his recent trip to Europe. Mr. Hicks read a paper on the "Anatomy of the Foot of the Horse." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Junior Class held its regular meeting Saturday, November 19, and showed its usual enthusiasm.

Dr. Formad, Professor of Histology, and Dr. Eichhorn, Professor of Meat Hygiene, who have been away from Washington for their summer work under the Bureau of Animal Industry, have returned and have taken up their work of instruction again.

C. R. Graham, '11, has been very busy recently promoting the athletic interests of the "Vets." with the immediate object of entering a team of sprinters in the interdepartmental meet. He has succeeded in making a number of the students think that they can run, but he is not so successful in making them come out and show how fast they can step it off. However, we are assured that whatever happens, Veterinary College will be represented in the coming meet.

We have to report that this week saw three more veterinarians subscribe for THE NEWS. Another indication of the proper spirit.

SOPHOMORE HONORED.

THE *Political Science Quarterly* for March, 1910, contains an article on "The Government of the District of Columbia" by Mr. George W. Hodgkins, of the Sophomore College Class. Senator Gallenger, chairman of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, has ordered the article to be printed and placed among the reference documents of that committee.

This article is the result of independent personal research, unconnected with any work in the University. Its character and quality are shown by the fact that a scientific journal of the standing of *The Political Science Quarterly* was willing not only to publish it, but also to pay the author for it. Mr. Hodgkins is the holder of the Kendall Scholarship, and is one of the best students in his class.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

AS a result of numerous complaints made to the Committee of the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association, that the translation of the insular Spanish laws, made under the direction of the War Department, was inaccurate and unreliable, a special committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Bar Association to

examine the translation and report thereon at the next meeting of the Association. Dean Lorenzen was elected as a member of this committee. The other members are Messrs. R. J. Kerr, Chicago (chairman), and J. Wheless, St. Louis.

The Junior Class held a brief meeting on Tuesday, November 15, and voted to hold a class smoker in the near future. The committee on arrangements consists of the class officers, Messrs. J. F. Dulles, St. Clair Smith, and H. Humason, and Messrs. R. Gamble and E. W. Bond.

At a meeting of the Freshman (afternoon) Class, on Saturday, November 12, the following officers were elected: E. F. Wenderoth, president; M. M. Moore, vice president; R. W. Sheppard, secretary; W. Strong, treasurer.

TEACHERS COLLEGE NOTES.

THE French Club is a success. Considerable interest has been evinced in this new organization by students who desire to improve their knowledge of French. The purpose of "La Société Française" is to propagate French conversation and literature among the students of the University. The meetings are so conducted that the members—who should have had at least two years of French—will be able to participate in the discussions. Students of all the departments of the University are urged to join, and take advantage of a pleasant and practical way of becoming conversant in this language. Regular meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 in Room 21, Teachers College.

Dr. Ruediger spent the summer in Washington and vicinity devoting most of his time to an investigation of the agencies that are in use for the improvement of teachers in service. He has been making this investigation at the request of the United States Bureau of Education.

At the convention of the N. E. A. in Boston, Dr. Small was elected vice president of the Department of School Administration. Hearty congratulations are extended. After the convention he put aside child study and school questions to investigate the best fishing holes in the streams of Vermont. Here he spent most of his vacation. At a recent meeting of the Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality he read a paper on "Educational Prevention Through the Study of Biological Science."

We wish to commend to our teacher-students THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NEWS. Mr. Schreiber is receiving enthusiastic support in the other departments. Teachers College should, therefore, do her part. Read THE NEWS and subscribe to it. You can strike a bargain with Mr. Hoover by getting in your name before December 1. See Miss Bertha F. Walker, who will be glad to receive your subscription.

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The other evening I was sitting in the library idly turning the leaves of the college catalogue and musing on the deeper meanings of life. I was having a severe attack of that queer feeling. Why was it that everybody seemed to be having so much fun out of so little? Students were passing to and fro in the corridor outside. Such laughing and giggling and nonsense as was going on, too! A foolish word—a wave of the hand—a look out of the corner of an eye! And yet—and yet, do you know—after all they seemed to be having a better time engaged with these frivolities than I was with all my deeper meanings.

I looked down at the catalogue.

"Romance Languages!"

Why, that must be it! I'd often heard of the School of Romanticism, but I had never before known what it meant. All these people had been to it, and now they were displaying their knowledge. Well, I reckon I could learn a little Romance, too.

So upstairs I hurried, and registered for the first course under "Romance Languages."

The next morning I arrived bright and early to take my first lesson in the gentle art of having a good time. The thing that impressed me most on entering the classroom was the complete silence, the nervousness expressed by trem-

bling fingers, the worry expressed by anxious eyes.

"How peculiar! They don't seem to have very romantic expressions," I thought.

I glanced at the faces of the students. Well, perhaps things go by opposites, or an exception does prove the rule, or something like that. Anyway, there wasn't much poetry or human love in the expression on their faces.

A student was reciting.

"In the deep depths of her liquid eyes," he translated.

Here was romance at last, it seemed. Would that I might learn to make heart-piercing speeches such as these!

"Oh, bosh!" interrupted the professor. "Are you an American and say slushy things like that? 'Liquid eyes!' H'm! Why can't you learn to translate into English that you would use yourself? 'Liquid eyes!' This is how it should be: 'He looked down into her watery eyes.'"

I gasped. All of my romantic hopes came tumbling to the ground.

I returned again to my deeper studies. A day or two afterwards I was relating my sad experiences to a most charming Person, and she kindly offered to give me private lessons in the science.

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